



## **The following is an update relating to the award of the Access to HE Diplomas for students who planned to complete by 31 July 2020.**

Today the QAA and Open Awards have both issued statements confirming that students will be awarded a graded Access to HE Diploma based on the assessment they have already completed and with calculated grades for all remaining assessments.

In order for the College to facilitate this, we require students on Access to HE qualifications to submit all assessments that were due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> March, where they have not already done so. Students are also expected to continue to engage with tutors through alternative methods of teaching in order to maximise their learning. This will help prepare students for their next step, to complete their learning and therefore allow a grade to be assigned.

### **FAQs**

#### **I have not submitted my assessments that were due before the 20th March, will I get a calculated grade for these?**

No – all assessments due on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> March must be submitted. Please contact your tutor immediately should you have outstanding work for submission.

#### **How will I be graded for my qualification?**

The calculated grade will take into account tutors' assessment of your likely grade, as well as other factors such as prior attainment on the course.

#### **When will I receive my grades and overall Access to HE qualification?**

We have not yet been informed of a date for the publication of results, however we expect this to be in line with A-level and GCSE results which are anticipated to be issued by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

#### **What if I am not happy with the grade I receive?**

If you do not feel that your calculated grade reflect your performance, you will have the opportunity to appeal or you may choose to sit your assessments at the earliest reasonable opportunity. If you do not believe the correct process of assessment for the award of the Access to HE Diploma has been followed in your case, you will be able to appeal.

#### **What am I expected to do from now until the end of the course – July 2020**

Open awards and the College expect you to remain engaged in teaching and learning and require you to carry on with your Access to HE course through online study and work set by your tutors to ensure key competencies are achieved ahead of your onward progression to university. At this time there does not appear to be any expectation that further graded assessments will be required for units not yet completed.

#### **What if I am struggling with different priorities such as family and home schooling / childcare, including additional responsibilities as a key worker or carer?**

In any instance you should consult with your tutor who can advise and support you as you would have done normally on your Access to HE programme.

#### **I am paying for my qualification through a student loan or other form or self-funding. Can I stop payment or cancel my loan and still be awarded a grade?**

No – if you stop or cancel your student loan it will be assumed that you have withdrawn and therefore no grade will be awarded. You will also receive an invoice for the value of the course fees. If you are self-funding by other means and are in financial difficulty then please contact our Finance Department by email at [Sales.ledger@boltoncc.ac.uk](mailto:Sales.ledger@boltoncc.ac.uk)

For further FAQ on the Access to HE website please click this link: [more FAQs](#)